near the distal outside end of the tubular element, which when attached, restrain the loaded rolled-up tubular element from unloading and unrolling, prior to being detached, and

a body part may be inserted into or immediately adjacent to the inside distal end of the tubular element, while the tubular element is so restrained, and

when the restraining means are released such as when the detachable attachments are detached, the loaded and rolled-up springy elements unload and spring-back, causing the rolled-up flexible tubular element **1** to unroll, or in the case of the springy element being composed of Shape Memory Alloys (SMA) or other materials that exhibit shape recovery, before or after the detachable attachments are detached, the rolled-up part **4** of the tubular element **1**, is heated, by such means as a hair dryer, resistive heating or a liquid bath, from the loaded martensitic state to its unloaded austenitic state, or in the case of other materials that exhibit shape recovery an analogous change of state, causing shape recovery of the springy element to spring-back, causing the rolled-up flexible tubular element **1** to unroll, and

the tubular element unrolls over the inserted body part, covering the said body part.

END OF CLAIM 1.

2. I request that Claim 2 be cancelled and be replaced with the following claim:

2. A device comprised of a flexible tubular element **1, 1a** to which is laminated, incorporated or intertwined, one or more springy elements, by connecting means such as adhesive, weaving, knitting or stitching, and

the springy element(s) are made of springy types of metal, plastic, superlastic nickel-titanium, other materials that exhibit sufficient springy qualities, or Shape Memory

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Alloys (SMA) or other material that exhibits shape recovery, or compositions thereof, and

additional springy elements are attached, connected or incorporated into the said tubular element **1, 1a** that are made of Shape Memory Alloy (SMA) or other material that exhibits shape recovery, and

when the additional springy elements are at ambient temperature, they are in the martensitic state and are floppy, or analogous state, for other materials that exhibit shape recovery, and

original springy element(s) are loaded or further loaded, if preloaded, by being rolled-up with the tubular element to which they are attached, connected or incorporated, from the proximal end of the tubular element **1**, in the direction of the distal end, to form an approximate torus shape, and

restraining means which may be composed of detachable attachments on the adjoining or extensions of the adjoining surfaces of the rolled tubular element **1**, preferably near the distal outside end of the tubular element, which when attached restrain the loaded rolled-up tubular element from unloading and unrolling, prior to being detached, and

a body part may be inserted into or be placed immediately adjacent to the inside distal end of the tubular element while the tubular element **1** is so restrained, and

when the restraining means are released such as when detachable attachments are detached, the loaded and rolled-up original springy elements unload and spring-back, and overcome any resistance that the additional springy elements, which are floppy at ambient temperature, might put up, causing the rolled-up flexible tubular element to unroll, and

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the tubular element unrolls over the inserted or immediately adjacent body part, covering the said body part, and

after the tubular element is unrolled by the unloading and spring-back of the original springy elements, and at such time that the wearer wishes to remove the said tubular element **1, 1a,** by means such as a hair dryer or liquid bath, from the body part it covers, the wearer can apply sufficient heat to the additional springy elements, sufficient to effect shape recovery of a rolled-up shape, such that the recovery of such shape is sufficiently energetic that it overcomes the opposing force of the original springy element(s) causing the said tubular element to roll-up and off the inserted body part, thus removing the covering tubular element, and

perhaps after the said restraining means, such as detachable attachments are attached to restrain the tubular element from unrolling, the application of heat, by such means as a hair dryer or liquid bath, can be terminated, which causes the additional springy elements to relax to their martensitic state or analogous state, for other materials that exhibit shape recovery, and

the original springy elements can again prevail over the additional springy elements and cause the tubular element to unroll as soon as the said restraining means are released, such as when the detachable attachments restraining the coiled tubular element are detached.

END OF CLAIM 2.

3. I request that Claim 3 be cancelled and be replaced with the following claim:

3. A method of covering a body part with a covering that includes a tubular element **1 1a,** or is composed of a tubular element **1, 1a** and

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the tubular element **1** is rolled-up, thereby loading a springy element which is laminated, incorporated or intertwined to the said tubular element **1, 1a** by connecting means such as adhesive, weaving, knitting or stitching, and

once rolled-up or partly rolled-up, restraining means such as a detachably attaching restraining element(s) is detachably attached to prevent the loaded rolled-up or partly rolled-up tubular element **4** from unrolling until it is detached, and

the restraining means such as a detachably attaching restraining element that connect adjoining surfaces or extensions of the adjoining surfaces, one on the inside of the tubular element **1, 1a** and the other on the outside of the same tubular element **1, 1a**, preferably close to the distal exterior end of the tubular element **1, 1a**, and

the wearer places the rolled-up **4** tubular element **1, 1a** near the body part that he desires to have covered by the same tubular element **1, 1a** and

the wearer places the desired body in the interior of, or immediately adjacent to the interior distal end of the tubular element **1, 1a**,

the wearer then releases the restraining means such as when he detaches the detachably attaching restraining element(s), and

the wearer allows the rolled-up tubular element **4** to unroll onto that body part that he has placed in or immediately adjacent to the interior distal end of the tubular element 1, 1a.

END OF CLAIM 3

NOTES TO CLAIMS 1, 2, AND 3:

1. The amended claims 1, 2, and 3 now specify examples of means by which the springy elements are connected to the tubular element 1, 1a. as requested by the

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